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AS it has always been held a *Point of Juſtice* due to the *Encouragers* of *Learning*, the *Foes* of *Superſtition*, and the *Patrons* of profitable *Arts*, to celebrate their Praiſes, and point them out to the World as *Men* worthy of *Eſteem*, I thought it could not but be received as an Act of great Impartiality, as well as ſome Conſolation, if I exerted my mean Abilities, to render ſome of the Honours due to a *Set* of *Gentlemen*, who make it their Study to deſerve well of their Country, and to exalt human Nature. I do this with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs, tho' I am not altogether void of Apprehenſion, that it may draw down the Diſpleaſure of the *Craftſmen*, merely becauſe I take this Buſineſs out of their Hands, and pay my Court to ſome of the *great Men*, unto whom we are ſo much obliged for that *Freedom* in *Speech* in *Eccleſiaſtical* and *Civil Affairs*, which prevails at preſent.

THESE modern *Virtuoſi*, having taken into their ſerious Conſideration, the great Evils which ſpring from the old *hum-drum* Method of *Education*, which, in Conformity to the *Laws*, kept the *Male* and *Female*, Part of our Species, *Infants*, till they were paſt their Prime, reſolving, not ſo much for the Sake of their own Families, as in Regard to the Publick, and in Pity to Poſterity, to introduce a Method perfectly new, and perfectly their own, whereby *Sons* become Men, almoſt as ſoon as they are *Breech'd*; and *Daughters Women*, before they enter their *Teens*. Stupendous Effects of modern Wiſdom, which would appear almoſt incredible, if our *Theatres*, *Coffee-houſes*, and *Lanes*, did not ſhew us, every Day, *Criticks*, *Politicians*, and *Men* of *Pleaſure*, at an Age when their immediate Anceſtors were ſcarce thought fit for the Univerſity.

THE firſt Principle, as I have been informed, laid down by thoſe ingenious Perſons, who have brought this extraordinary Change (I ſhould offend them if I had ſaid Miracles) in reſpect to human Nature, is the never ſuffering *Children* to be treated like *Children*. Full as the Great Men are of a Spirit peculiar to themſelves, they believe, that in Science, as well as Poetry, the only thing neceſſary to make a Perſon appear in a certain Character, is to engage him to think, that he is what he ſhould appear. With this View, Boys are taught Dancing as ſoon as they lay by their Frocks, ſit up with their Fathers till Eleven at Home, and accompany them ſometimes in their Parties of Pleaſure: Mighty Conſequences follow on the Introduction of this new Method; inſtead of Taw and Shittle-cock, Maſter plays at Picquet and Back-Gammon; and Miſs, inſtead of Babies and Dirt Pyes, employs herſelf in Viſits and Quadrille, Remarks upon *Men's* Conduct at Nine Years old, and talks of Jointures and Settlements before ſhe is Thirteen. To theſe new Inſtitutions, our *Virtuoſi* add a total Abolition of certain old-faſhion'd, ridiculous Cuſtoms, which ſerved only to break the Spirits, and cramp the Wits of the riſing Generation. *Good Books* are laid out of the Children's Way, that they may not break their Brains about unneceſſary *Speculations*; asking *Bleſſing* is laid aſide, as too *ſervile* a thing for a Perſon *free born*; and *Biſhops* are ridiculed before them, that they may have no Idea of that *Root* of *Superſtition*, or *Reſpect for the Church*. So much for the *Rules* of our new-faſhion'd *Nurſery*.

WHEN the Lads begin to look about them, and have, by a *Year's* Stay at *Eaton*, conform'd ſo far as is neceſſary to vulgar Education, they are adviſed to make themſelves acquainted with the *Writings* of *Men of Spirit*: Free Thoughts upon Religion; *Bolingbroke's* Works; the famous Diſcourſe on *Free-thinking*, afford the firſt Leſſons: To which, if the young Man is of a ſerious Caſt, the *Characteriſticks* are added, and then he is in a Condition to *cut down the Clergy*. As for young Ladies, they are inſtructed by Word of Mouth in the ſame modiſh Doctrines, and are allowed to ſay nothing but the *univerſal Prayer* of a certain *Poet's* making; from whom an entire *Verſion* of the *Pſalms* is expected, for the Uſe of the Ladies; his Abilities having already appeared in the famous Imitation of the *Firſt* of them, which does equal Honour to his *Poetry* and *Principles*.

AS to *Politicks*, the moſt material Part of a young Gentleman's Education, the *Diſſertation* upon *Parties*, ſupplies the Part of an *Accidence*; and the Collection of the *Craftſmen*, as it is pretty Voluminous, ſerves at once for *Grammar* and *Claſſicks*. But, to prevent any Miſtakes, the Conduct of the *Author* of the *Occaſional Writer*, is recommended to the young Man as a Model: From thence he is taught to call himſelf a *Whig* in his Youth; to top the Part of a *Tory*, if the *Tories* are in *Power*; to project a Revolution, if his Circumſtances make it *neceſſary*; to revolt again, rather than ſuffer them to become *deſperate*; in ſhort, to become *all Things to all Men*; to live in *France* without betraying any thing of the *Briton*; to drop the *Frenchman* on the entering *Italy*; and to wear at home whatever *Character* is *faſhionable*; with this ſaving Reſolution, not to *wear* it an Hour longer than *it is ſo*.

IN regard to *Languages*, the *Philoſophers* of the new Sect, Reſolve all into a perfect Knowledge of *French*, a Spice of *Italian*, and not quite ſo much of *Latin*. In the firſt of theſe, they recommend *Rabelais*, *La Fontain*, that is, his Tales, and *Voltaire*, eſpecially ſuch Pieces of his as have been ſuppreſſed, and above all, the Princeſs of *Malabar*. In the ſecond, a few Opera Songs, and the Ability of reading a Letter, is all that is required; and in the third, to want abſolute Ignorance, is to have all neceſſary Knowledge. Hence it appears, that the *Religion*, *Politicks*, and *Learning* of this Sect, are crowded altogether into ſo narrow a Compaſs, that by *Twelve Years* old, they may be embraced almoſt by any Underſtanding; and, conſequently, at this Age a Modern young Gentleman is fit to ſee the World. What a prodigious Improvement is this in the valuable Art of inſtructing of Youth? Eſpecially if we conſider, that together with theſe harſher Studies, Dancing, Fencing, and a Variety of other faſhionable Amuſements, are likewiſe acquired. So that on the whole, the *Air* of *Importance* abated in a Family thus happily directed; the *young Gentleman*, at the Age aforeſaid, is as wiſe, as witty, and as virtuous as the *old One*. Or at leaſt, if he wants any of his Accompliſhments, he is in a Condition of receiving them from *Travel*; the laſt, the inſeperable *Appendix* to *modern Education*.

IN regard to this laſt Branch of this great Work, which is to ſerve as a Poliſh to all the reſt, ſuch Steps are taken, as are perfectly conſiſtent with the Conduct before deſcribed, and all imaginable Precautions are held requiſite to ſecure Maſter's Mind from any *Biaſs*, any fooliſh *Fondneſs* for *his Country*, any unreaſonable *Tenderneſs* for this or that *Form* of *Religion*, or any romantick, that is, *diſintereſted Loyalty* towards his Prince. Theſe Preliminaries ſettled, a *Tutor* is ſought for, who may be of any Country, but our *own*: As for *Learning*, the leſs of that the better; becauſe then there is no Danger of making Maſter a *Pedant*. The great Point, is Skill in the Roads, Rates of Poſt Horſes, the true Art of foreign Dreſs, and an abſolute Contempt for thoſe *Formalities* which, in former Days, were thought moſt neceſſary in a *Preceptor*. As to Money, there muſt be no Straitneſs in that Article, becauſe the principal Buſineſs of the *Tour* is *Pleaſure*; and as for Inſtructions, they are ſummed up in this ſhort Caution: *Take Care of the Boy's Health, and let him Converſe with none but Men of Spirit, and Ladies of a frank Diſpoſition*; or, as an Author I could name, learnedly ſtiles them, *Reurs* and *Filles de Joye*. Thus equip'd, a Letter from *Paris* of Twenty, another from *Rome* of Ten Lines, is all that, according to the Rules, *Papa* expects, till *hopeful Junior* returns *home*.

UPON the Return of this Prodigy of ——, there is *firſt* a grand Entertainment given to his Father's Tenants: *Secondly*, a moſt copious *Panegyrick* is inſerted in one of the *Journals* of the *Party*: And, *thirdly*, a *Borough* is prepared for the young *Patriot*, for whom alſo the Committee of *Wits* prepare a *Speech*. Theſe Things being well managed, and the young 'Squire having handſomely performed his Part, he next makes a wonderful Figure in the *Magazine*, and is declared to be a *Demoſthenes*, or an *Atticus* at leaſt. It were eaſy to purſue this Subject farther; but to what Purpoſe ſhould I purſue a thing that has *no End*. The ſame Things are repeated every *Winter*, the ſame *foreign Journey* alſo is taken almoſt every *Summer*; and thus the *finer Gentleman's* Life rolls along, while Men of leſs ſhining Abilities, embroil themſelves in Cares, publick and private; ſtand the Brunt of Envy, Prejudice and Malice, and think themſelves tolerably happy, if they can now and then run down to their *native Country* for *Six Weeks*, tho' they are ſure to be called to an Account for it in the *Publick Prints* before they come up again. Such is the Difference between the *plodding* and the *prating Patriots*.

R. FREEMAN.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 30. Arrived the William, Bambridge, from Jamaica. At Old Callabar, on the Coaſt of Guiney, the Trafford, Langton; the Hardman, Carr; and the John and Sarah, Ballard, all from this Place.

Falmouth, Dec. 30. Yeſterday and to Day, came in the Lady Lucy, Hinds, from Lisbon for Plymouth; the Phœnix, Pye, from Bremen for this Place; the Sarah, Holman, from Tinmouth for the Groyne; the Hatley, Banks, from London for Virginia; the Unity, Hunter, from Cadiz for Orders. Remain the Expedition Packet, Clies, for Lisbon; and the Townſhend Packet, Cooper, for the Groyne. Wind Weſt.

Dartmouth, Dec. 31. Yeſterday ſailed the Suſanna, Stephens, of Biddeford, from Cork for Dunkirk. This Day came in the Margaret, Jappie, of Cork, from Malaga for Plymouth. Wind at S. S. W.

Cowes. Jan. 1. On the 30th ult. came in the Rebecca, Brown, of and for Topſham from Amſterdam. Sailed the Lady Catherina Elizabeth, Pahl, of and for Hamburgh; the City of Rouen, Penderell; and the Lydia, Wilkinſon, both from Havre de Grace for Southampton. Wind W. N. W.

Dover, Jan. 2. Arrived the Bromley, Burcomb, from Barbados; and the Virginia Merchant, Montgomery, from Virginia.

Deal, Jan. 2. Wind N. Some of the outward bound Ships are ſailed, and the others are preparing to ſail. Arrived the Catherine, Farmer, from New York; the Cato, Pearſe, from Guiney; and the Pompey, Gollop, from Zant.

Deal, Jan. 3. Wind S. W. All the outward bound Ships ſailed Yeſterday, except the two Ships for Eaſt India; and the Elizabeth, Duce, for Barbados. Came down Yeſterday after Poſt, and ſailed thro', the Catherine, Boſtock, for Jamaica; the Codrington, Boraſton, for Antigua. Arrived the Bromley, Burcomb, from Barbados. Several of the Ships that ſailed Yeſterday, are put back this Forenoon, but cannot get their Names at preſent.

Graveſend, Jan. 2. Paſſed by the Albany, Bryant, from New York; the Boulter, Veale, from Lisbon; and the Phillip, Duperke, from Virginia.

Graveſend, Jan. 3. Paſſed by the Loyal Jane, Rayne, from Hamburgh; the Ruxley, Phillips, from Alexandria; the Anna Catherina, Hilgarloh, from Bremen; the Alexander, Ruſſell, from Maryland; the Fanny, Newton, from Barbados; and the Sarah, Reeks, from Seville.

Arrived at ſeveral Ports.

The Charming Molly, Lvon, from Lisbon; and the Fanny, Oliver, from Antigua at Dover.

LONDON.

Yeſterday on cloſing the Poll for Alderman of Baſſiſhaw Ward, the Numbers were,

For William Baker, Eſq; 50
Captain Eliſton 32

Whereupon the former was declared duly elected.

By Letters from Newcaſtle upon Tyne we are inform'd, that on Monday laſt being New Year's Day, the Charity given annually by Walter Blacket, Eſq; was diſtributed to 800 poor People, viz. a Piece of Beef, a Loaf, and Six-pence to each, and ſeveral other poor People had Money given them afterwards.

On Wedneſday laſt died greatly lamented, by all who had the Pleaſure of his Acquaintance, Mr. Farmer, Steward of Guy's Hoſpital, for which Place there are many Candidates.

We hear that a Bill will be brought into Parliament at the enſuing Seſſions, to prevent clandeſtine Marriages in the Fleet.

Yeſterda/

Yesterday began the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City and Liberty of Westminster, when Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq; Chairman of the said Sessions, gave a learned and excellent Charge to the Grand Jury; wherein he took Notice to them of the several Gaming-Houses, which oftentimes proved very fatal; and also of the Night Cellars, which harbour Thieves, and other loose, idle, and disorderly Persons; also of the Pawnbrokers, who receive stollen Goods; all which ought to be presented, being contrary to Law, and to the great Prejudice of divers Persons.

On Monday last died, in advanced Age, at Hackney, Mrs. Robinson, a Widow Lady of a very plentiful Estate.

Yesterday Morning about two o'Clock, began a violent Storm of Thunder and Lightening, which continued 2 or 3 Hours, the like scarce was ever seen or heard of in the Memory of Man, especially at this Time of the Year, the Flashes of Lightening being so great. 'Tis to be feared it did great Damage both by Land and Water.

Casualties, Christnings, and Burials last Week.

Burnt 1. Excessive Drinking 1. Executed 1. Found dead 3 one buried at St Saviour in Southwark, and two at St. Leonard in Shoreditch. Overlaid 4. Shot himself (being Lunatick) buried at St. Margaret in Westminster 1.

Christned	Males	206	Buried	Males	293
	Females	189		Females	344
	In all	395		In all	637

Increased in the Burials this Week 222.

Whereof have died,

Under 2 Years of Age	235	Fifty and Sixty	52
Between 2 and 5	59	Sixty and Seventy	46
Five and Ten	13	Seventy and Eighty	34
Ten and Twenty	25	Eighty and Ninety	15
Twenty and Thirty	46	Ninety and a Hundred	6
Thirty and Forty	49	A Hundred	0
Forty and Fifty	57		

Bank Stock 142 7-8ths. India 173 1-4th. South Sea 104. Old Annuity 112 5-8ths. to 3-4ths. New ditto 112 1-4th to 3-8ths. Three per Cent. 106 1-half. Seven per Cent. Loan 112 3-4ths. Five per Cent. Ditto 101s Royal Assurance 108. London Assurance 14. African 14. India Bonds 6 l. 16 s. Prem. South Sea ditto, 3 l. Prem. Bank Circulation 1 l. 15 s. Premium. Salt Tallies 1-half to 2 1-half Prem. English Copper 3 l. 15 s. Welsh ditto 15 s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 6 1-half per Cent. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 1 per Cent. Prem. Million Bank 122.

December 12, 1738.

THE Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 12th of January next, they will be ready to sell by Auction, to the best Bidder, at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower of London, several Parcels of Breechings, Rope Sponges, Tackle Falls, Tarr'd Rope, Port Ropes, Pole Axes, Funnels of Plate, Powder-Horns, Lanthorns, Spades, Shovels, Parchment and Paper Cartridges, Match, Trace and Thill Harness, Sword Belts, Files and Armourers Tools, Musquets, Musquetoons, Pistols, Bayonets, Cartouch Boxes, with other old and unserviceable Stores, which may be viewed till the Time of Sale at the said Office, where printed Lists of the Lots will be delivered to such as call for them.

Bank, December 14, 1738.

UPON a Representation from his Majesty's Post-Master-General, *that it is apprehended that the Expectation of finding* Bank Bills *in the Letters gives Encouragement to the frequent* Robbery of the Mails, the Bank of England, *to contribute what in them lies to put a Stop thereto, and to render their* Bills *of no Significancy or Value to those who are guilty of such flagitious Practices,* do declare, *that for the Benefit and Security of those who have Occasion to transact Money Affairs in the Country, they will, from and after the 1st Day of January next, (instead of three Days Sight Bills) give to such as desire the same, their Bills payable at seven Days after Sight, to or Order, whereby, in case of a* Robbery, *the* Proprietors *will have Time to give Notice thereof;* and if the Endorsements are duly filled up, as they expect they should, *they can be of no Use or Service but to the right* Owners.

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